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GREAT FIRE IN GALVESTON.

ABOUT FORTY BLOCKS OF FRAME BUILDINGS BURNED DOWN.

The Loss Estimated at from Two Millions to Two Millions and a Half.—The Business Part of the City Spared.—Jay Gould Sends \$5,000—The List of Insurers.

GALVESTON, Nov. 13.—At 1:40 o'clock this morning the most destructive fire in the history of Galveston broke out in a foundry and car repairing shop on the north side of Avenue A, known as the Strand, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. A gale from the north was blowing, and the flames spread with rapidity to both of the adjoining buildings, one being a grocer's and the other a dwelling. Soon the long tongues crossed the street, and two more buildings were in flames, the inmates barely escaping with their lives. At this moment the Fire Department got two streams going, but they were of no avail. The heat became so intense that the firemen had to abandon their places, and the wind rose and carried myriads of sparks to premises east of Avenue A. In half an hour two blocks were burning fiercely, and by 3 o'clock every one saw that a great conflagration was upon the city. People for squares around on either side of the burning blocks became panic-stricken, and the cries of frightened women could be heard above the roar of the fire and the mournful wind. At 3:30 the fire had travelled three blocks distant from its starting point, but in a straight line, being confined to the blocks bounded by Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

About 4 o'clock the fire began to spread to the east and to the west of Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, and the wind rose to a gale. For a time it seemed as though the entire eastern half of the city was doomed. The fire spread to the southward, licking up the blocks of fine residences hastily abandoned by their inmates.

By 5 o'clock it had reached Broad-

way, which divides the center of the island running north and south. At 7 o'clock the fire began to shift, then to decrease, until by 8 o'clock only a fair breeze was blowing. But by this time the fire had eaten its way to Avenue O, where, at 9 o'clock, it seemed to exhaust itself, and the firemen, coming on, checked its further ravages as far as possible, within two blocks of Avenue O. From the house to the smoking, burned-out district, resembled a huge black half-opened fan, lying across the island from the mainland. At 7 o'clock the fire had not yet reached the railroad, but it had reached the water. Windows were examined to show that the picture was the same now as when Miss Burt finished it.

Mr. Burt was asked whether the picture had been altered since she delivered it to Mr. Sanford. Since last Monday a number of critics in the papers had written to her in regard to the picture, and she had been hampered in various ways. An eye of the cow had been painted out, and the material at \$50, and she had included in her demand \$50 for lessons in painting given to Mrs. Sanford.

When he was asked whether the price asked by the artist was reasonable, Mr. Hepburn replied: "It was accepted as I think the picture is entitled to her price, and no gentleman would dispute it."

Mr. Sanford was called to the trial, and he agreed with Mr. Hepburn.

Miss Burt testified that the picture had been altered since she delivered it to Mr. Sanford.

Mr. Sanford said that the picture was not altered since he received it.

"If I were asked," he added, "as a breeder of cattle to give an opinion of the bull in the picture, I should say it was not of pure Holstein blood."

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